Parent-Teacher Associations in KVS

* 387. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Academic Advisory Committee, at its 19th meeting held on 22nd November, 2001, took a decision to modify the process of election of members of the Parent-Teacher Associations in Kendriya Vidyalayas, substituting the democratic right of election by nomination by the Vidyalaya Management Committee;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Federation of Kendriya Vidyalaya P.T.As, Kerala, has passed a resolution requesting the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to withdraw such amendment/modification; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The guidelines for Parents Teachers Association in Kendriya Vidyalayas had a contradiction as clause 8 provided that all members of the Executive Committee will be nominated by the Chairman, VMC, whereas Clause 16 while giving details of the business to be transacted in the Annual Meeting of the General Body, provided for election of the office bearers and Committee members of the Association. The Academic Advisory Committee has removed this contradiction by deleting Clause 16 (iv) of the said guidelines.

(c) and (d) A resolution to this effect had been received from federation of Kendriya Vidyalaya PTAs, Kerala State. The federation has thereafter filed a petition in High Court of Kerala and the matter is *subjudice*.